GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN SCHOOLS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure laid down for allowing Indians to start schools in foreign countries ;

(b) whether the Indian embassies/missions exercise have control over such schools ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to allow Indian schools to come up in gulf countries ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) the stage at which the proposal to open a new Indian school in Muscat stands at present ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS :(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) There is no laid down procedure for allowing Indians to start schools in foreign countries in so far as this Ministry is concerned. The procedure for setting up a school in a foreign country varies from country to country depending upon local rules and regulations.

(b) & (c) The role of Indian Embassies/Missions is largely advisory and in some cases it is specified in the local rules. Our Missions generally do not exercise any day-to-day control over such schools.

(d), (e) & (f) Apart from the proposal to open a new Indian School in Muscat, the Government is not aware of any other proposal for the establishment of an Indian School in the Gulf region. The Ministry of Education, Government of Oman, has recently approved the opening of a branch of the Indian School Muscat in the Seeb / Al Hail area of Muscat. Steps are underway to start the school.